

WILLIAM HENRY PICKERING

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| 1914 Star and Bar | 8392 Pte.W.H.PICKERING. 2/York: R. |
| British War Medal | 8392 Pte.W.H.PICKERING. |
| Allied Victory Medal | York.R. |
| Memorial Plaque | WILLIAM HENRY PICKERING |

Army Medal Office rolls confirm the award of the 1914 Star and Bar, recording his date of disembarkation as 5 October 1914.

He was born 19 May 1889 at 15 Allen Street, Middlesborough, the son of Frederick Pickering, a store keeper at shipyard, and his wife Florence (née Smith). When he enlisted at Richmond 20 August 1906, he gave his birthplace as Middlesborough, his age as 17 years 3 months, and his trade as a labourer. He was 5 feet 2.5 inches tall, weighed 121 pounds, had a fresh complexion, hazel eyes and brown hair, and he was slightly flat-footed. He had previously served with the 4th Battalion, Yorkshire Regiment.

He was killed in action 8 July 1916, almost certainly in the 21st Brigade attack on Trones Wood. Commonwealth War Graves Commission data records that he was the son of Florence and Fred Pickering, of 9 Jedbergh Street, Middlesborough, and that he was twenty-seven years old. He is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial. *Soldiers Died In The Great War* records that he was born in Middlesborough, and enlisted at Richmond, while living in Middlesborough.

(Refs: WO 329/2440 p 111; WO 329/953 p 499)

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The Green Howards In The Great War [Wylly] pp 77-78)